

## HOUSE BILL NO. 87

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITY FOR FLEET VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-324 AND 61-3-325, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 61-3-324, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-324. Fleet registration -- application -- additions to and deletions from fleet.** (1) A person owning or leasing a fleet may apply to the department of transportation to register the fleet annually through the department of transportation in lieu of registering each motor vehicle in its domicile.

(2) The application for fleet registration must:

- (a) be submitted to the department of transportation prior to November 1 of each year;
- (b) include a list of the motor vehicles in the fleet;
- (c) include the current registration receipt for each motor vehicle; and
- (d) include any other relevant information required by the department of transportation.

(3) A motor vehicle may be added to the fleet.

(4) A motor vehicle may be removed from a fleet if the owner of the fleet surrenders to the department of transportation the current registration receipt and the license plate for the vehicle no later than December 31. If the receipt or license plate has been lost or stolen, the owner shall submit an affidavit explaining why ~~he~~ the owner is not able to surrender the receipt or license plate."

**Section 2.** Section 61-3-325, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-3-325. Vehicles subject to staggered registration -- fees and taxes -- disposition.** (1) Any motor vehicle in the fleet that is subject to staggered registration under 61-3-313 through 61-3-316 may be registered as part of the fleet on the following fleet renewal date. The department of transportation shall collect the remaining fees and taxes due for the registration year after crediting the registrant for the period that was

1 previously paid.

2 (2) (a) The department of transportation shall compute fees and taxes due on each motor vehicle in the  
3 fleet as provided in part 5 of this chapter, based on its domicile.

4 (b) The department of transportation shall also collect a registration fee of \$7.50 for each motor vehicle  
5 in the fleet in lieu of the registration fee provided for in 61-3-321. The department shall retain \$4.50 of each  
6 registration fee for administrative costs and forward the remaining \$3 to the state treasurer for deposit in the  
7 general fund.

8 (c) All fees and taxes must be paid no later than February 15 each year."  
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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2006.

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